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SUBJECT: AUGUSTA-BUILT CHINOOK HELICOPTERS

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1. EMBASSY HAS APPROACHED ACTING AIR FORCE CHIEF TERHAZ
FOR STATEMENT ON PROPOSED ROLE OF AUGUSTA CH-47S. HE
WAS CONCERNED OVER IMPLICATIONS OF CONTINUED DELAY IN
DELIVERY. HE STATED THAT THESE HELICOPTERS WILL
BE BASED AT RABAT/SALE AIRFIELD (WHICH HAS MILITARY AS
WELL AS CIVILIAN FACILITIES) AND THAT THEY WILL BE USED FOR
TRANSPORT PURPOSES AND WILL NOT BE ARMED WITH WEAPONS.
HE STATED THAT THEY WILL BE USED "FOR THE DEFENSE OF
MOROCCO".

2. COMMENT: TERHAZ IS CLEARLY UNWILLING TO COMMIT
HIMSELF ON WHETHER AND TO WHAT EXTENT THESE CRAFT
MIGHT BE USED IN THE SAHARA. GIVEN THEIR BASING IN
SALE AND USE FOR TRANSPORT RATHER THAN AS WEAPONS,
WE WOULD HOPE THAT USG HAS SUFFICIENT BASIS FOR QUICK
APPROVAL OF THIS SALE OF ITALIAN HELICOPTERS MANUFACTURED UNDER
U.S. LICENSE. OTHERWISE THE MATTER WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE TO
GO TO THE KING. IN OUR VIEW, THIS WOULD NOT ONLY BE INEQUITABLE
AS A LAST MINUTE OBSTACLE OR DELAY TO A LONG-STANDING CONTRACT
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BUT ALSO A LARGELY PERIPHERAL ISSUE COMPARED TO THAT OF WEAPONRY
WHICH MIGHT HAVE AN OFFENSIVE USE IN THE SAHARA WHICH SHOULD
RIGHTLY BE THE FOCUS OF BASIC DISCUSSION WITH
THE MOROCCANS.
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